by the Government of India for this sugar control ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)* : There is a Sugar Controller.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri)* : Who is representing our State on the committee ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : It is not a committee. It is the Sugar Controller who distributes the quota.

PADDY PURCHASE—GAIN OR LOSS—PARTICULARS OF

176. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)* : Will Government be pleased to state the total gain or loss sustained or accrued by paddy purchase in the State in the year 1118?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : It is not possible to furnish the information as details for each trading transaction are not separately available.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)* : May I know whether for the year 1118 we had a loss or gain ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : We have not completed the audit of the accounts. Some more information is necessary regarding foreign purchases. It is not possible therefore to answer it today.

MUNDUR—KOTTUR ROAD

177. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the road connecting Mundur with Kottur—Kottakat has not been recommended to be taken up by the Road Board ;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative why this is not worked till now; (*c*) if in the negative, will Government be pleased to see to this road being opened up in the near future?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Though the road is considered desirable by the Board, funds have not been allotted for this work in the five year programme. The Government, therefore, regret that the work cannot be taken up now.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)* : Will the Government be pleased to state by what year there is any possibility of this work being taken up ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : After the present Road Board programme ends, that is, nearly 4 years more.

CHALAKKUDI MARKET—VETTUKADAVU ROAD

178. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : (*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation to the effect that the road from Vettukadavu to the Chalakkudi market included in the Road Board scheme, should be taken up this year itself,

(*b*) have Government realised the extreme hardship caused to the people of this locality; during the rainy season, on account of the absence of such a road ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No; but there is some inconvenience during the rainy season.

REPORT—SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL OFFICER TO GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

179. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are Government aware of a report submitted by Mr. Seargent, Special Educational Officer with the Government of India regarding Free Compulsory Primary Education in India;

(*b*) are Government of Cochin in possession of the said report;

(*c*) if Government are not as yet in possession of a copy of the report will they be pleased to obtain one and place the same on the table of the House ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Action will be taken to get down a copy.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May I know whether subsequent to the preparation of this answer any action has been taken to get down the copy ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* : Even before the question was received, a copy had been applied for. Copies were not available. For one thing, the first part had been published and the second part had not been published. I have again sent a reminder asking them whether it is not possible to send me a copy immediately. It is not available for sale yet with any of the book-sellers.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware of the Central Government's proposals which are based upon the report which is mentioned in this question, I mean upon the report of the Seargent Committee.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The Central Education Board is submitting to the Reconstruction Committee of the Viceroy's Executive Council a scheme based essentially on the Seargent Committee's report. This scheme is spread over a period of 40 years and when it is fully implemented, it is going to cost the Government of India round-about 277 crores of rupees. It embraces practically all the spheres of education of the States as well as the Provinces starting with the Montessoric School and going up to adult education and Industrial education. We have not been able to get a copy of it yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what are the reactions of the Central Board scheme upon our Government.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I said copies have not been received.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am afraid, Sir, I have not been understood. Mainly based on the Seargent Committee's report the Central Government have formulated a scheme reference to which was made by the Hon'ble Member for Education.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is not exactly the Central Government. It is the Central Board of Education that has submitted its proposals to the Central Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are our Government, Sir, considering to react to the scheme of the Seargent Committee report ?

Mr. President: Order, order. I think the Hon'ble Member is rather trying to achieve the impossible. Until this Government are in possession of the scheme to which he is referring, Government cannot possibly be expected to apply their minds to it.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE SITTING OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Pesident: I have to announce that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to extend the sitting of this Council to Monday, the 14th of February in order to consider the following motion of which short notice has been given by the Hon'ble Minister.—"This House do hereby record its confidence in the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Mr. T. K. Nayar".

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

The Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill. No statement from me is necessary at this stage. That has been the precedent and the convention of this House.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Cochin Prevention of Food Adulteration Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. A. T. Kunhipalu *(Kattur):* I second it.

Moton put and carried

The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I beg to move for leave of this House to introduce the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* I second it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* I oppose it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, now that against the convention of this house for 19 years the Bill is opposed by a veteran, I have to explain. The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act became the law of the State only on the 19th of Kumbham 1118. That is considered by the masses in Cochin as a boon from the late lamented Highness. It is a boon, sir, in the sense that the Verumpattam tenants who used to be oppressed by arbitrary eviction and rackrenting have been saved by the Act which gave those tenants fixity of tenure and the existing rent, whether it be advantageous to the tenant or to the landlord, being made the rent

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